



Mayor's Night Out – Perry Township

Mayor Gregory A. Ballard

26th Mayor's Night Out



Thank you, Perry Township, for partnering with your government, as we focus on making Indianapolis a more livable city for all citizens.



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City Successes

- **Crime:**

- In 2009, Homicides were **below 100** for the **first time since 1993**
- Rape is **down 5%** in 2010 YTD
- Armed robbery is **down 37%** in 2010 YTD

- **Budget:**

- For the second year in a row, we have produced an honestly-balanced budget
- The credit cards are paid off, and we've placed local government on a sound financial footing

- **Jobs:**

- Using every available resource to retain and create jobs in Marion County (3,684 in 2010 YTD)
- Investment in IEDI of \$3.5 million
- Investment in ICVA of \$1.5 million
- \$325,000 directed to the Dept. of Metropolitan Development





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City Successes

- **Utilities:**

- Memorandum of understanding (MOU) to transfer the City of Indianapolis' water and wastewater utilities to Citizens Energy Group
- City will receive more than \$425 million in connection with the transfer
- Agreement will minimize future utility rate increases
- Provide much-needed funding for deteriorating infrastructure
- Learn more at www.indy.gov/utilities

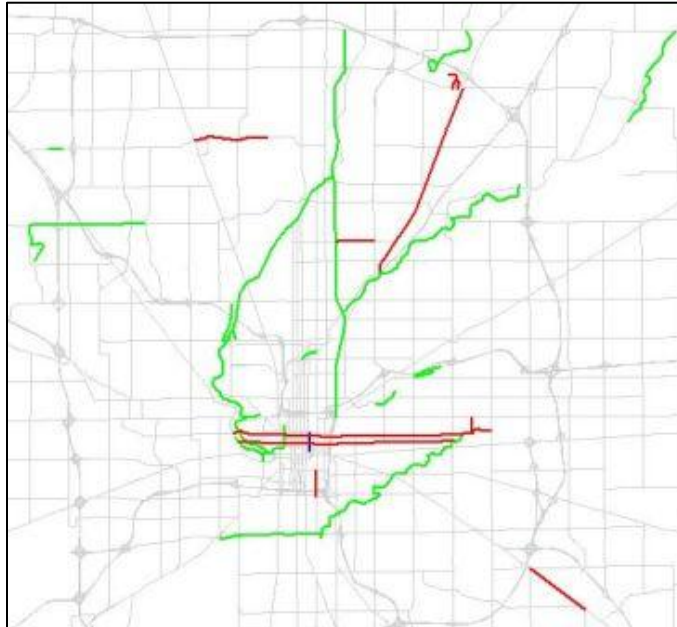


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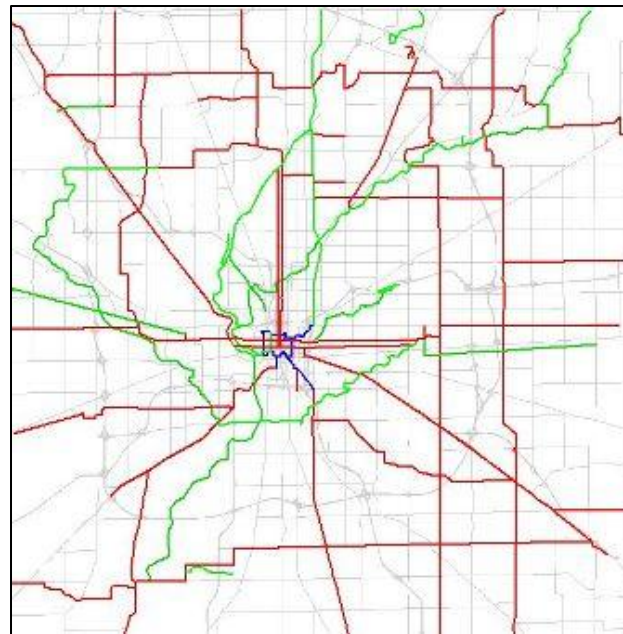
City Successes

- **Sustainability:**

- Reviewed over 70 city-owned buildings; work will commence this year to retrofit these facilities with energy saving green technologies
- Recycling Request for Information (RFI)
- Connectivity:



Current



10+ Years

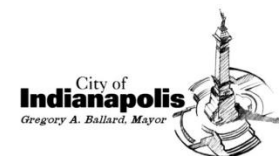
— (Bikeways)

— (Greenways)





Commander Cliff Myers
1150 S. Shelby Street
327-6300



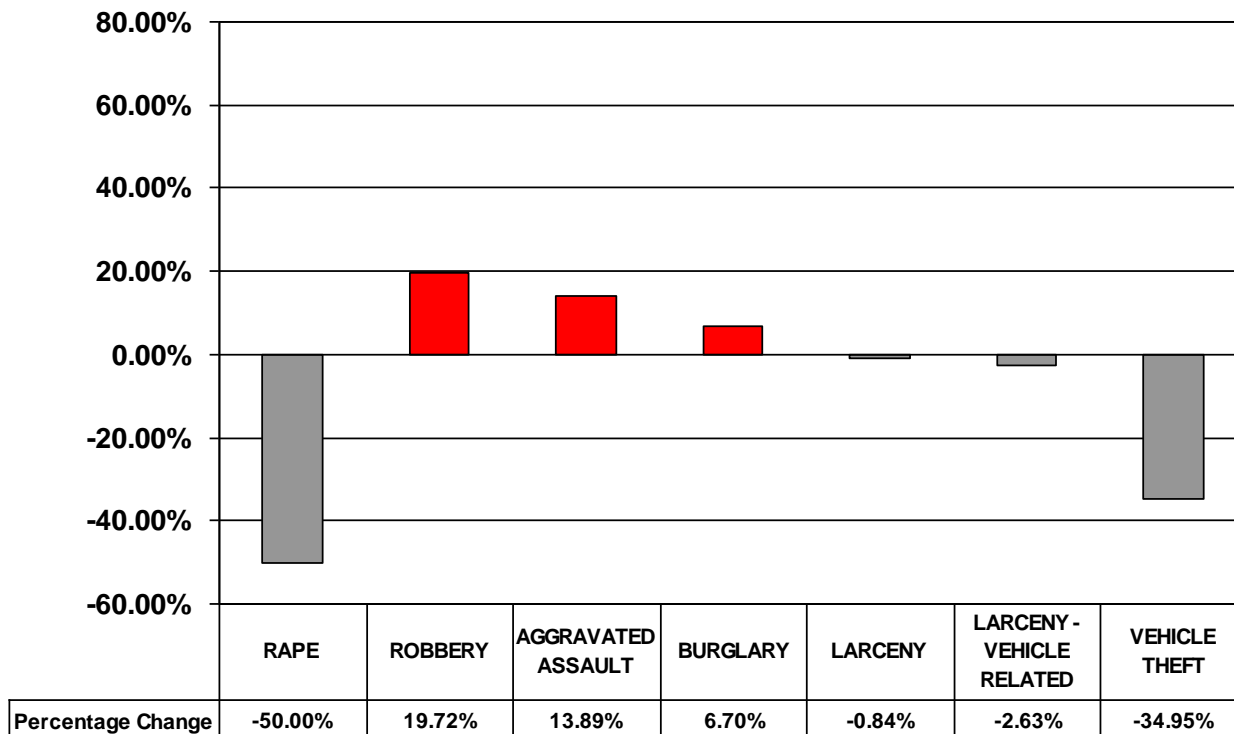


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Public Safety

Perry Township - Preliminary Crime Trend

Sept 2008 – Feb 2009 v. Sept 2009 – Feb 2010



2009 – 2010 YTD 0 Homicides





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Public Safety

We are targeting crime with our community-based approach:

- Targeted patrols in area
- Created special burglary team in partnership with Prosecutor's Office
- Using new (YouTube, Facebook) and traditional media to publish information on suspects wanted for burglary
- Dedicated more evidence technicians to process burglary scenes and sought out grant funding for leading-edge evidence processing equipment
- Conducting monthly probation and parole sweeps in area
- Conducting regular truancy sweeps around burglary hot spots



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Public Safety

Citizens working in partnership with IMPD can be our most effective crime-fighting tool:

- Monthly Task Force meetings
- Expanded Crime Watch groups and added broadcasts of crime and suspect details to subscribers
- Immediate response to neighborhood crime complaints
- Annual District Community Days and Community Luncheons



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Economic Development

Being a more livable city starts with creating a climate conducive to creating jobs and economic opportunity for all:

- **Our relative economic stability comes in part from the fundamentals:**
 - Lower rate of crime
 - Now predictable tax climate
 - Government that works with companies and entrepreneurs to foster job creation and economic development
- **Jobs Attracted/Retained:**
 - **20,000+ jobs** in past 2 years
 - **3,684 in 2010 YTD**
 - **11,135 jobs in 2009**
 - (9,592 in 2008)
 - (8,922 in 2007)



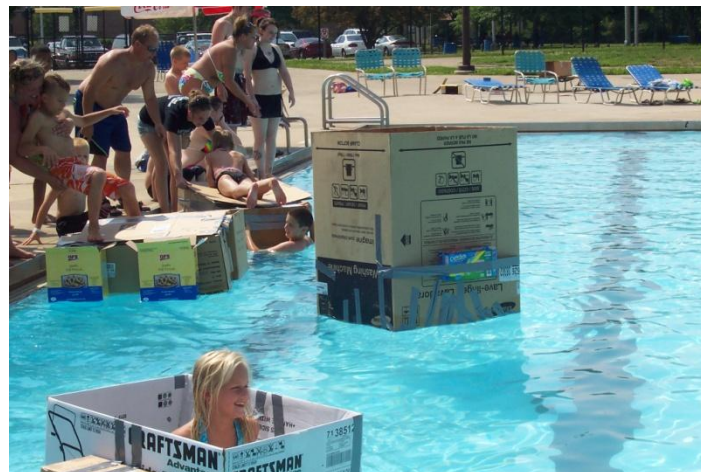


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Indy Parks

Our drive to improve Parks is transforming neighborhoods throughout Indianapolis:

- Recent aquatics investments at Perry Park Pool (part of \$8M investment)
 - resurfaced the slides
 - repaired the pool leak
 - replaced the penguin slide with a polar bear slide
 - painted the slide structure and spray ground play equipment





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Indy Parks

- New roof on Perry Park Ice Rink; fire destroyed the roof last year
- New dog park approximately 4.3 acres along Sherman Drive with a tentative schedule to open by early fall
- Lilly Endowment awarded the Parks Foundation a \$7.3 million grant - the largest grant in the history of Indy Parks



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Department of Public Works

While we boldly build for the future, we continue to focus on the quality of life issues affecting citizens in their everyday lives.

- DPW is focused on rebuilding our long-neglected infrastructure.
- 7 street segments in Perry Township scheduled for resurfacing in 2010 using stimulus funds at a total estimated cost of \$3.6 million dollars.

Meridian St.: Thompson Rd. to I-465

Southport Rd.: Sherman Dr. to Gray Rd.

Knox Rd.

National Ave.: Carson Ave. to State St.

Shelby St.: Southport Rd. to Banta Ave.

Sherman Dr.: Stop 11 to Southport Rd.
and County Line Rd. to Stop 11

Hanna Ave. : Repave and pedestrian improvements
(Federally funded pavement rehabilitation project completed
in conjunction with the University of Indianapolis (U of I))





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Department of Public Works



City Blitz on Potholes March 5-6

3-tier improvement strategy:

1. Chuckhole Kaizen - improved pothole repair to better address:
 - Planning
 - Scheduling
 - Routing
2. Preventive maintenance: more crack-sealing
3. Resurfaced Streets

Photos courtesy of WTHR.com





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Department of Code Enforcement

The Department of Code Enforcement has been re-designed to create efficiencies and improve the level of service we provide to citizens.

- High Weeds & Grass

	2008	2009
High Weeds & Grass Complaints	5,431	10,288
Properties Mowed	1,807	8,474
Call-to-Cut Time (days)	42	23

- Improved Illegal Dumping Enforcement



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Good Government

The Mayor's Action Center (MAC) has transformed from a call-center to a customer service center

- Fielded 22,600 more inbound calls in 2009 than previous year
 - Calls answered faster
 - Speed to answer down to 6 seconds from as much as 4 minutes
- Created outbound call program
 - Offers citizens closure on their service requests and surveys their satisfaction with the service they received
 - Asks if they need additional assistance
 - More than 34,500 outbound calls made since November 2008
 - MAC is now calling back 90% of service requests that have been closed out
- Pothole Portal created to ensure request for service is processed efficiently
- New citizen Web portal in progress to further-improve access to city services





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Good Government

Your city government continues to reach out to neighborhoods, community groups and businesses across Indianapolis through the Mayor's Neighborhood Liaisons

- Gary Loveless, Mayor Ballard's Neighborhood Liaison for the South and Southeast Outer Regions was engaged in excess of 400 meetings and opportunities to assist community members and businesses in 2009
- His commitment to engage citizens allowed him to help many with the services they need and deserve
- Contact Gary:
 - 327-4838 or gloveles@indy.gov



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2010 Census

Make Indianapolis Count in 2010:

- Indianapolis, like many communities, has been undercounted in the past, and participation in the 2010 Census is especially important for the city to increase the availability of state, federal and private funding for the community over the next 10 years
- Along with funding, decennial Census data is also used to:
 - plan health and educational services
 - enhance underdeveloped areas
 - improve public transportation
 - determine government representation
- The City of Indianapolis created the Complete Count Committee to increase awareness and participation in the 2010 Census
- Learn More at www.indycensus2010.com





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IndyGo

- IndyGo provides an average of nine million rides each year throughout Marion County
- Five routes (of IndyGo's 29 different routes) serve Perry Township
 - They are 16, 22, 31, 26 and 12
 - Ridership on these routes make up about 9% of total IndyGo service.
 - Visit www.indygo.net to learn more about routes and IndyGo services including the new 'Trip Planner' application



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Indy Connect

2010 is the year for discussion of mass transit in Central Indiana:

- An Indy Connect public meeting was held at the Perry Township Government Center on Monday, March 1, 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.
 - Nearly 50 people attended
 - Visit www.IndyConnect.org to learn about upcoming meetings
- At present count, www.IndyConnect.org has received more than 45,000 views
- Nearly 1,000 comments have been left on the Web site and each public meeting has attracted an average of 75 attendees
- Take a look at the initial draft plan for a regional transportation system on the Indy Connect Web site and submit questions and comments online, by phone (317-327-8601) or at a public meeting



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Questions and Answers with Mayor Ballard

Connect with the City:

